but on the other hand, they are kept open even after 8 o'clock, till late in the night. This brings no profit either to the people or to the Government, but only to the shop-keepers. Moreover, it affects the health of labourers and other people resorting to drink at that late hour. Government should therefore see that shops are not kept open at such untimely hours. Cases of the kind brought to the notice of the Police received no attention. To prevent shop-keepers from keeping shops open at late hours, it is desirable that some punishment should be inflicted whenever cirumstances demand it.

Dewan.—We will take note of the suggestions.

SUBJECT No. 34

Revenue from toddy and arrack shops to municipalities.

Mr. D. Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli Municipality.

Mr. Srikanta Rao.—Municipalities are not realising any part of the revenue from toddy and arrack shops situated within the limits of their towns. It is therefore prayed that the municipalities may be authorised to recover 5 per cent of the shop rent or Rs. 120, at least, per annum.

Dewan.—Is it Minor or Town Municipalities that should be so authorised ?

Mr. Srikanta Rao.—All municipalities.

Dewan.—Is it on shop rent that it is proposed to recover percentage ?

Mr. L. Vema Reddi.—A certain percentage should be given to the municipality to induce it to work with interest and introduce measures of sanitation, water-supply, etc. People who congregate in the shops come from infected areas.

Dewan.—Cannot the shops be put outside the city or town limits ?

Mr. Srikanta Rao.—It is not desirable to do so.

Mr. Purushothamanandagiri Gosai.—Shops, if kept outside municipal limits, will be of great use to the people.

Dewan.—The question of extending to other town municipalities, the concession given to Bangalore and Mysore Municipalities of collecting registration and surcharge fees will be referred to the Special Officer for Local Self-Government Scheme for consideration in connection with the question of local finance.

SUBJECT No. 35

Permission to remit excise khists on the 20th of the month.

Messrs. B. Dasappa and P. Achaiya, Kolar Municipality.

Mr. Dasappa.—It is prayed that the 20th of the month may be fixed as the date for the payment of excise khists into the treasury. The present rule is a great hardship to the contractors and it is necessary that this arrangement should be sanctioned at least for the first three months of the year.

Second Member of Council.—Why should the date be 20th of the month and not the 30th ? The reason why 10th was fixed by Government was to take speedy measures for the recovery of the khist lest the time limit might expire. To avoid that contingency and also not to allow arrears to accumulate this date has been fixed. It is not possible to alter the date as prayed for by the member.

Dewan.—Till the arrears which are now very heavy are fully collected, no change in the existing system can be allowed.